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2009 Legislative Committee

Written Testimony Monday, March 16, 2009 Public Health Committee

House Bill 6678 An Act Concerning Revisions To Department of Public Health Licensing Statutes.

After our meeting with the Department of Public Health last week, the Connecticut Town Clerks Association agrees with the legislation raised in this bill as long as amendments submitted by the Department of Public Health are incorporated into the final draft. Specifically, in Section 12, we request the final draft is written to insure that no loss of accountability for the delivery of the cremation certificate and cremation permit paperwork to the permanent recording town is not jeopardized.

In Section 20, we agree that adding a thirty day filing requirement for sextons reports is the only change necessary in this section. We hope the DPH amendment removed the requirement to attach a copy of the burial permit to the death record, as agreed upon last week.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to address them.

Respectfully submitted,

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